

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for allowing a portable digital imaging device to receive an attachment associated with an email message, a first type of attachment being allowed by the portable digital imaging device, the attachment being described a second type, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

(a) determining whether the first type is the same as the second type prior to sending the attachment to the portable digital imaging device;

(b) providing the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first type is the same as the second type; and

(c) refusing to provide the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first type is not the same as the second type;

(d) establishing communication to the portable imaging device prior to the determining step (a)

wherein the determining step (a) is performed after communication is established with the portable digital imaging device in step (d).

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising ~~the step of~~:

(d) receiving the attachment and the email message from a sender; and

(e) receiving the first type from the digital imaging device.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the email message further includes a header indicating the second type of the attachment and wherein the determining step (a) further includes ~~the steps of~~:

(a1) reading the header to determine the second type.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3 wherein the header includes a name and the second type designation and wherein the reading step (a1) further includes ~~the steps of~~:

(a1i) reading the header to determine the name, the second type designation, or both the name and the second type designation.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the determining step (a) further includes ~~the step of~~:

(a2) utilizing the name, the second type designation, or both the name and the second type designation to determine whether the first type is the same as the second type.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the first type further includes a first preference and wherein the attachment providing step (b) further includes ~~the step of~~:

(b1) determining whether a second preference of the attachment is the same as the first preference if the first type is the same as the second type;

(b2) modifying the attachment to provide a modified attachment having a third preference if the first type is the same as the second type and if the first preference is different from the second preference, the third preference being provided from the first preference and being the same as the second preference;

- (b3) providing the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first preference is the same as the second preference; and
- (b4) providing the modified attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first preference is not the same as the second preference.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the portable digital imaging device further includes a digital camera.

8. (Currently Amended) A server for communicating with and allowing a portable digital imaging device to receive an attachment associated with an email message, a first type of attachment being allowed by the portable digital imaging device, the attachment being described a second type, the server comprising:

at least a first server process for receiving a plurality of email messages, the plurality of email messages capable of including the email message; and

a screening unit, communicatively coupled with the at least the first server process, for managing the email message, the screening unit for determining whether the first type is the same as the second type prior to sending the attachment to the portable digital imaging device, providing the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first type is the same as the second type and refusing to provide the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first type is not the same as the second type;

wherein the screening unit determines whether the first type is the same as the second type after the server establishes communication with the portable digital imaging device.

9. (Original) The server of claim 8 further wherein the server receives the first type from the digital imaging device.

10. (Original) The server of claim 8 wherein the email message further includes a header indicating the second type of the attachment and wherein the screening unit determines whether the first type is the same as the second type by reading the header to determine the second type.

11. (Original) The server of claim 10 wherein the header includes a name and the second type designation and wherein the screening unit reads the header to determine the name, the second type designation, or both the name and the second type designation.

12. (Original) The server of claim 11 wherein the screening unit utilizes the name, the second type designation, or both the name and the second type designation to determine whether the first type is the same as the second type.

13. (Original) The server of claim 8 wherein the first type further includes a first preference and wherein the screening unit further determines whether a second preference of the attachment is the same as the first preference if the first type is the same as second type, modifies the attachment to provide a modified attachment having a third preference if the first type is the same as the second type and if the first preference is different from the second preference, the third preference being provided from the first preference and being the same as the second preference, provides the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first preference is

the same as the second preference and provides the modified attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first preference is not the same as the second preference.

14. (Original) The server of claim 8 wherein the portable digital imaging device further includes a digital camera.

15. (Currently Amended) A server for communicating with and allowing a portable digital imaging to receive an attachment associated with an email message, a first type of attachment being allowed by the portable digital imaging device, the attachment being described a second type, the server comprising:

means for receiving a plurality of email messages, the plurality of email messages capable of including the email message; and

means for managing the email message, the managing means further including means for determining whether the first type is the same as the second type prior to sending the attachment to the portable digital imaging device, means for providing the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first type is the same as the second type and means for refusing to provide the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first type is not the same as the second type

wherein the managing means determines whether the first type is the same as the second type after the server establishes communication with the portable digital imaging device.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium including a program for allowing a portable digital imaging to receive an attachment associated with an email message, a

first type of attachment being allowed by the portable digital imaging device, the attachment being described a second type, the program including instructions for:

- (a) determining whether the first type is the same as the second type prior to sending the attachment to the portable digital imaging device;
- (b) providing the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first type is the same as the second type; and
- (c) refusing to provide the attachment to the portable digital imaging device if the first type is not the same as the second type;
- (d) establishing communication to the portable imaging device prior to the determining instructions (a) being performed;

wherein the determining instructions (a) are performed after communication is established between the portable digital imaging device and a sender of the email message in instructions (d).

17. (Currently Amended) A method for allowing a portable digital imaging to receive an attachment associated with an email message, a first type of attachment being allowed by the portable digital imaging device, the attachment being described a second type, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

- (a) utilizing the portable digital imaging device to determine whether the first type is the same as the second type while receiving the email message;
- (b) accepting the attachment if the first type is the same as the second type; and
- (c) terminating receipt of the attachment if the first type is not the same as the second type;

wherein the utilizing step (a) is performed using the email message and prior to acceptance of the attachment being completed in step (b).

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17 further comprising ~~the step of~~:

(d) allowing a user of the portable digital imaging device to select the email message to be provided to the portable digital imaging device.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17 wherein the utilizing step (a) further includes ~~the steps of~~:

(a1) reading a portion of the email message; and
(a2) determining whether the first type is the same as the second type based on the portion of the email message.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19 wherein the email message further includes a header indicating the second type of the attachment and wherein the reading step (a1) further includes ~~the steps of~~:

(a1i) reading the header to determine the second type.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 wherein the header includes a name and the second type designation and wherein the reading step (a1i) further includes ~~the steps of~~:

(a1ia) reading the header to determine the name, the second type designation, or both the name and the second type designation.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21 wherein the determining step (a2) further includes ~~the step of~~:

(a2i) utilizing the name, the second type designation, or both the name and the second type designation to determine whether the first type is the same as the second type.

23. (Previously Amended) A portable digital imaging device capable of receiving an attachment associated with an email message, a first type of attachment being allowed by the portable digital imaging device, the attachment being described a second type, the portable digital imaging device comprising:

means for communicating with a mail server;

a screening unit, coupled to the communicating means, the screening unit allowing the portable digital imaging device to accept the attachment only if the first type and the second type are the same;

wherein the screening unit determines whether to accept the attachment using the email message and prior to acceptance of the attachment being completed.

24. (Original) The portable digital imaging device of claim 23 wherein the screening unit further determines whether the first type is the same as the second type while receiving the email message, accepts the attachment if the first type is the same as the second type and terminates receipt of the attachment if the first type is not the same as the second type.

25. (Original) The portable digital imaging device of claim 23 further comprising:

a user interface coupled with the communicating means, the user interface allowing a user of the portable digital imaging device to select the email message to be provided to the portable digital imaging device.

26. (Original) The portable digital imaging device of claim 24 wherein the screening unit further reads a portion of the email message and determines whether the first type is the same as the second type based on the portion of the email message.

27. (Original) The portable digital imaging device of claim 26 wherein the email message further includes a header indicating the second type of the attachment and wherein screening unit further reads the header to determine the second type.

28. (Original) The portable digital imaging device of claim 27 wherein the header includes a name and the second type designation and wherein the header reading means further read the header to determine the name, the second type designation, or both the name and the second type designation.

29. (Original) The portable digital imaging device method of claim 28 wherein the screening unit further utilizes the name, the second type designation, or both the name and the second type designation to determine whether the first type is the same as the second type.

30. (Original) A computer-readable medium containing a program for allowing a portable digital imaging device to receive an attachment associated with an email message, a first

type of attachment being allowed by the portable digital imaging device, the attachment being described a second type, the program including instructions for:

- (a) utilizing the portable digital imaging device to determine whether the first type is the same as the second type while receiving the email message;
- (b) accepting the attachment if the first type is the same as the second type; and
- (c) terminating receipt of the attachment if the first type is not the same as the second type;

wherein the utilizing instructions (a) is performed using the email message and prior to acceptance of the attachment being completed.

31. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 30 further comprising instructions for:

- (d) allowing a user of the portable digital imaging device to select the email message to be provided to the portable digital imaging device.

32. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 30 wherein the utilizing instructions (a) further includes instructions for:

- (a1) reading a portion of the email message;
- (a2) determining whether the first type is the same as the second type based on the portion of the email message.

33. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 32 wherein the email message further includes a header indicating the second type of the attachment and wherein the reading instructions (a1) further includes instructions for:

(a1i) reading the header to determine the second type.

34. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 33 wherein the header includes a name and the second type designation and wherein the reading instructions (a1i) further includes instructions for:

(a1ia) reading the header to determine the name, the second type designation, or both the name and the second type designation.

35. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 34 wherein the determining instructions (a2) further includes instructions for:

(a2i) utilizing the name, the second type designation, or both the name and the second type designation to determine whether the first type is the same as the second type.

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